

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 247

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to recognize Fran Persechini on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Fran Persechini is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for twenty years with the Collierville Chamber of Commerce, as administrative support from 1994 until 2005 and as president and CEO from 2005 until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, announcing her departure on November 12, 2014, Mrs. Persechini will be taking a much-deserved retirement after assisting the chamber in their search for her successor; and

WHEREAS, Fran Persechini began her career with the Collierville Chamber of Commerce in December 1994 in an administrative position; after becoming president, her extensive knowledge of the variety of staff positions in the organization enabled her to carry out a visionary leadership role; and

WHEREAS, the Collierville Chamber of Commerce flourished under the leadership of Mrs. Persechini; she cultivated a culture between the chamber, its thirty-member volunteer board, and nearly fifty volunteer ambassadors who produced an all-time high of 750 member businesses; and

WHEREAS, as the leader of the Collierville Chamber of Commerce, she supported a variety of local organizations, including the Collierville Community Fund, the Collierville Education Foundation, and the Leadership Collierville program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Persechini is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Collierville Home

Builders Association, the Tourism Commission, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the West Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives; and

WHEREAS, Fran Persechini also contributes her time and numerous talents as a member of the Military Order of World Wars, the Police Citizens Advisory Board, the Rotary Club, and the Baptist Memorial Hospital Citizens Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Persechini exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many professional achievements and exemplary career aside, she is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband of forty-five years, Fred Persechini; her three children, Ellen Wortman, Jennifer Maree, and Philip Persechini; and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Fran Persechini has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize Fran Persechini upon the occasion of her retirement, commend her for twenty years of exceptional service to the Collierville Chamber of Commerce, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.